

# State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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Partial XXX Complete Exploration Date: 07/09/2002/ Time: 8:00 - 13:30 Date of Last Inspection: 06/04/2002

Mine Name: Star Point Mine	County: Carbon	Permit Number: <u>C/007/006</u>					
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Plateau Mining Corporation							
Business Address: P.O. Box 30, Helper, Uta							
Company Official(s): Johnny Pappas							
State Official(s): Karl R. Houskeeper	Fede	eral Official(s): None					
Weather Conditions: Clear, Temp 95 - 100	)°F						
Type of Mining Activity: Underground XX	X SurfacePrep	PlantOther					
Existing Acreage: Permitted 9084 Distur	bed 213.4 Regraded	Seeded					
Status: Active Reclamation							

### REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
  - a. For <u>complete inspections</u> provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
  - b. For <u>partial inspections</u> check only the elements evaluated.
- 2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- 3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- 4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

		<b>EVALUATED</b>	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
1.	PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	Γ.1			
2.	SIGNS AND MARKERS	$\overline{[X]}$		[ <u>X</u> ]	$\Box$
3.	TOPSOIL		ĹĬ		
4.	HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a.	DIVERSIONS	[X]	$\Box$	[X]	
<b>b</b> .	SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	$\overline{[X]}$	ĹĬ		[_]
c.	OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	<u>[X]</u>			$\Box$
d.	WATER MONITORING	[X]		[X]	
e.	EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS				$\Box$
5.	EXPLOSIVES				
6.	DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES				
7.	COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	[X]		[X]	
8.	NONCOAL WASTE	[X]			
9.	PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED				
	ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES				
10.	SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE				
11.	CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	[X]		[X]	
12.	BACKFILLING AND GRADING				
13.	REVEGETATION				
14.	SUBSIDENCE CONTROL				
15.	CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	· [_]			
16.	ROADS:				
a.	CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING				
b.	DRAINAGE CONTROLS				[]
17.	OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES				
18.	SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS				
19.	AVS CHECK (4th Quarter- April, May, June)				
20.	AIR QUALITY PERMIT				<u>[_]</u>
21.	BONDING & INSURANCE				

## INSPECTION REPORT

(Continuation Sheet)

PERMIT NUMBER: <u>C/007/006</u>

DATE OF INSPECTION: <u>07/09/2002</u>

(COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE)

#### 2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

The ID sign is located near the permit boundary within the disturbed area. The refuse pile signs are in place and contained the proper information. Other markers as required by the coal rules were in place.

# 4A. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

Undisturbed diversion 9B located by sediment pond 4 has belting installed inside the diversion to protect the diversion until the time when the diversion is eliminated. This diversion will be closely monitored until final reclamation.

Maintenance on several culvert inlets and outlets has been performed

## 4D. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING

Checked the EDI web site prior to the inspection. Several missing samples for first quarter 2002 have been identified. A list of the missing samples was given to the operator. From conversation with the operator, it appears that the problem is with recently approved water monitoring changes not being accurately depicted on the EDI website. The operator will resolve the issues with Division personnel who administer the web site.

## 7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

Refuse material from the abandoned refuse pile (north side of road) has been moved to the Lions Deck as part of the reclamation activities. The remaining material is being hauled to the active refuse pile (south side of road) and being compacted.

Sunnyside Cogeneration Associates (SCA) is hauling refuse material from the active refuse pile to their Sunnyside Facility where it is being burned as a fuel source. SCA is the owner of the refuse pile and is currently seeking a permit from the Division. At present, the refuse pile is still permitted by Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC). The removal of the refuse material by SCA is approved in PMC's current Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP).

#### 11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION

Reclamation of the mine site is ongoing. The refuse material hauled to the Lions Deck is currently being covered by four feet of soil. Two concrete coal-stacking silos were dropped to the ground during the inspection. The silos were brought down by use of cables and equipment.

Inspector's Signature:

Karl R. Houskeeper

Date: July 10, 2002

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Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining.

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